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LOK SABHA

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Air Connectivity in North Eastern Region
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to improve air connectivity in the North-Eastern States, and if so, the details of existing airports and airlines operating in the region along with new airports proposed for the region;

(b) the details of airports in the region with night landing facility;

(c) whether the Imphal Airport is now an international airport and if so, the number of international flights operated from it; and

(d) whether this international airport has night landing and take-off facility and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred (*) Question no. 226 for 01.12.2016 regarding "Air connectivity in North Eastern Region"; ; (a): Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport service of different regions of the country. As per these guidelines, the operators has to deploy on routes in category - II at least 10% of the capacity deploys on routes in category - I and of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category - II routes, at least 10% would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep. ; As per approved Winter Schedule (WS) - 2016, 508 scheduled flights /week have been approved to /from 11 airports in the North Eastern region. Airline wise connectivity to/from North-Eastern region is placed at Annexure-I.; Details of existing airports in North-Eastern Region is given at Annexure-2. Construction of a Greenfield airport at Pakyong, Sikkim has already commenced. (b): The Directorate General of Civil Aviation"s (DGCA) approval for night operations is available for airports at Agartala, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Guwahati, Imphal, Lilabari in the North-Eastern Region.; (c): Imphal Airport is declared as an international airport vide Notification dated 14.11.2013. Necessary infrastructure is available for international flight operations. At present no scheduled international flight is operating from Imphal Airport. The details of international charter flights operated from Imphal are as under:; Year No. of flights; 2013 4; 2014 8; 2015 4; 2016

2; (d): Night landing and take off facility is available at Imphal airport since May, 2010. Runway Threshold Lights, Runway End Lights, Runway Edge Lights, Taxiway Edge Lights, Runway Approach Lights, Landing "T", Wind Direction Indicator, Aerodrome Beacon, Precision Approach Path Indicator and Mandatory and informative Signages are available.